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## **CERTIFIED MAIL** RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John R. Wallace, Treasurer Brad Miller for U.S. Congress Wallace & Nordan LLP 3737 Glenwood Avenue, #260 Raleigh, NC 27612

> RE: **MUR 6738**

Dear Mr. Wallace:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on May 30, 2013. Based on that complaint, on May 19, 2015, the Commission found that there was reason to believe Johnathan W. Broyhill knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) and entered into preprobable cause conciliation in this matter. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to take no further action as to Johnathan W. Broyhill, and closed the file in this matter on March 15, 2016. The Report Recommending to Close the File, which more fully explains the basis for the Commission's decision, is enclosed.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Petalas

Acting General Counsel

BY:

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| 17       | SUBJECT: | MUR 6738 (Jonathan Broyhill)                                     |             |          |
| 18<br>10 |          | Recommendation to Close the File                                 |             |          |

This matter was generated by a Complaint filed by Brad Miller for United States Congress (the "Committee"), Miller's principal campaign committee for the 2012 election in North Carolina's 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The Complaint alleged that Jonathan W. Broyhill made a total of approximately \$58,000 of unauthorized disbursements from February 2011 through March 2013 while serving as the Committee's bookkeeper. Broyhill concealed his embezzlement by entering false payments and disbursements in the Committee's records. Broyhill was the sole employee of SkyBlue Strategies, a proprietorship owned and operated by Jamie Hahn, which the Committee engaged for campaign management, fundraising, and compliance services. As the Committee's bookkeeper, Broyhill had access to the Committee's mailbox, telephone, e-mail account, bank account, checkbook, and reporting software.

On April 22, 2013, a few days after the Committee and Hahn discovered Broyhill's embezzlement, Hahn confronted Broyhill about his activities and Broyhill physically attacked Hahn and her husband, resulting in Hahn's death and seriously injuring her husband. On March

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18, 2015, Broyhill was convicted of first-degree murder of Jamie Hahn, among other charges. On March 19, 2015, Broyhill was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

On May 19, 2015, the Commission found reason to believe that Broyhill knowingly and willfully violated section 30114(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the "Act"), and authorized conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause.

Because it appears that Broyhill does not wish to engage in pre-probable cause conciliation, and that Broyhill will likely spend the remainder of his life in prison serving his sentences for murder, attempted murder, and assault with a deadly weapon, further pursuit of this matter would not be a prudent use of the Commission's limited resources. Accordingly, we now recommend that the Commission close the file in MUR6738.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

32 1. Close the file.

2. Approve the appropriate letters.